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Applicant : Graham Smith
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed September 28, 2004, applicant affirms the election the invention of Species 1 drawn to the embodiment of Representative Figures 2A-2F. The election is made without traverse.

Applicant submits that claims 1-19 and 21-72 are readable on the elected species, and withdraws the remaining claims from consideration at this time. In response to the Examiner's question regarding which claims the Applicant considers to be generic, Applicant submits that claims 1-7, 9, 12-14, 16-19, 22-25, 27, 29, 32, 33, 35-40, 42-47, 49-53, 55-61, and 63-66 are generic to all species.

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Respectfully submitted,

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